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Douglas M. BLAIR

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For: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING SEQUENCE  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration based on the accompanying  
remarks:

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